

No. 057/08

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the status of military and civilian personnel of the United States Department of Defense temporarily present in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in connection with military exercises and training constituted by exchange of notes at The Hague on May 3, 2005 (the Agreement), which would have terminated, in accordance with its terms, on May 3, 2006, and was extended twice for periods of an additional year, and terminated, in accordance with its terms, on May 3, 2008.

Desiring to continue military cooperation between our military forces in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, and in view of upcoming military training and exercises, in particular a marine unit exchange in June-July 2008 and the Deux Tricolores Exercise in October-November 2008, and any other agreed activities, including scheduled port calls, the Government of the United States proposes that the Agreement shall again be extended for an additional period of one year, so that the Agreement will remain in force until May 3, 2009.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Government of the United States proposes that this note, together with the response from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on

the date of the Ministry's reply, with retroactive effect as of May 3, 2008, and shall remain in force until May 3, 2009.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.



Embassy of the United States of America,

The Hague, May 7, 2008



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Treaties Division
DJZ/VE-314/08

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's note (No. 057/08 of May 7, 2008), which reads as follows:

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Desiring to continue military cooperation between our military forces in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, and in view of upcoming military training and exercises, in particular a marine unit exchange in June-July 2008 and the Deux Tricolores Exercise in October-November 2008, and any other agreed activities, including scheduled port calls, the Government of the United States proposes that the Agreement shall again be extended for an additional period of one year, so that the Agreement will remain in force until May 3, 2009.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Government of the United States proposes that this note, together with the response from the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply, with retroactive effect as of May 3, 2008, and shall remain in force until May 3, 2009.

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To the Embassy of
The United States of America



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the further honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the proposals set forth in the Embassy's note are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and to confirm that the Embassy's note and this note shall constitute an Agreement between the two governments, which shall have effect from May 3, 2008.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 8 May 2008

